BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the General Investigation Into the)	
Appropriateness of Certain Sections of the Kansas)	
Corporation Commission's Electric and Natural Gas)	Docket No. 15-GIMX-344-GIV
Billing Standards Related to On-Premises Collections)	

KNOCK AND COLLECT COMPLIANCE REPORT OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy"), in accordance with the Order of the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") in the above captioned docket dated September 24, 2020, respectfully submits the attached semi-annual report relating to its participation in the pilot program eliminating the knock and collect requirement prior to disconnecting utility service ("Pilot Program").

- 1. The attached semi-annual compliance report dated June 10, 2022, which is incorporated herein by reference, contains the following information for the period October 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 relating to the Pilot Program:
 - a. The number of bills sent out each month.
 - b. Number of 10-Day Disconnect Notices by month.
 - c. Number of Non-Pay Shut Off Orders by month.
 - d. Number of communication attempts at the 5- to 7-day mark by month.
 - e. Number of accounts making payments after the 5- to 7-day communication attempt and method of payment by month.
 - f. Number of communication attempts at the 48-hour mark by month.
 - g. Number of accounts making payments after the 48-hour communication attempt and before the 24-hour communication attempt and method of payment by month.

h. Number of phone call attempts at the 24-hour mark prior to disconnection by month.

i. Number of door tags performed by month during the Cold Weather Rule.

j. Number of accounts making payments after the 24-hour communication attempt and before disconnection and method of payment by month.

k. Not Applicable.

1. Number of disconnections by month.

m. Number of accounts paid for reconnection and method of payment by month.

n. Distribution of the time between disconnection, payment and reconnection.

o. The manner in which the utility informed customers of any available bill assistance programs during the reporting period.

p. Knock and Collect Waiver of On-Premise Collection Customer Survey.

q. Customer complaints with respect to this pilot program.

r. Cost savings attributable to this pilot program.

2. Atmos Energy is in the process of implementing its first customer survey and will submit the results of the survey as soon as they are available.

WHEREFORE, Atmos Energy requests the Commission accept the attached compliance report.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:

That he is the attorney for Atmos Energy Corporation named in the foregoing Knock and Collect Compliance Report of Atmos Energy Corporation for the Period October 1, 2021 Through March 31, 2022 and is duly authorized to make this affidavit; that he has read the foregoing and knows the contents thereof; and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct.

James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of June, 2022.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas RONDA ROSSMAN My Appt. Expires May 25, 2026 Ronda Rossman

Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Knock and Collect Waiver of On-Premise Collection Pilot Docket No. 15-GIMX-344-GIV

> Semi-Annual Compliance Report June 10, 2022

Overview

On August 17, 2017, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. 15-GIMX-344-GIV, approving a pilot program waiving the knock and collect requirement for the electric utilities Southern Pioneer and Evergy Kansas Central (hereafter referred to as "Pilot Program"). In lieu of amending its Billing Standards, the Commission approved this Pilot Program to evaluate the potential customer benefits and impacts of the approved alternative customer contact methods. On September 24, 2020, the Commission granted a motion for Atmos Energy to be made party to the Pilot Program. Participation in the program allows Atmos Energy to replace on-premise collection visits with alternative contact methods during the Pilot Program period. This is Atmos Energy's first compliance report for the Pilot Program, which covers the months of October 2021 through March 2022.

A. Number of Bills Sent Out (By Month):

Month	Number of Bills
October 2021	137,953
November 2021	139,254
December 2021	139,280
January 2022	139,308
February 2022	139,555
March 2022	140,295

B. Number of 10-Day Disconnect Notices (By Month):

Month	10-Day Disconnection Notices
October 2021	457
November 2021	473
December 2021	844
January 2022	1,019
February 2022	1,303
March 2022	1,603

C. Number of Non-Pay Shut-Off Orders Issued (By Month):

Month	Residential Non- Pay Shut Off Order	Non-Residential Non-Pay Shut Off Order
October 2021	192	20
November 2021	146	19
December 2021	136	13
January 2022	267	34
February 2022	220	57
March 2022	534	100

D. Number of Communication Attempted at the 5-7 Day Mark (By Month):

Month	Phone Call	Text Message	Email
October 2021	409	0	0
November 2021	312	0	0
December 2021	535	0	0
January 2022	557	0	0
February 2022	795	0	0
March 2022	970	0	0

E. <u>Number of Accounts Showing Payments Received After the 5-7 Day Communication Attempt</u> and Before the 48-hour Communication Attempt and Methods of Payment:

Payment Method	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
ACH						
Bank Draft	21	10	19	17	28	35
Energy Assistance	2		1	1	1	3
Payment Kiosk	1	1	2	2	1	2
Lockbox	1		1	1	1	1
Credit/Debit Card	40	32	38	39	58	103
Online Bank/Bill	1				1	5
Pay						
Pay Location	2	1	3	2	3	

F. Number of Communication Attempts at the 48-Hour Mark (By Month):

Month	48-Hour Phone Calls	48-Hour Text Messages
October 2021	421	0
November 2021	345	0
December 2021	450	0
January 2022	537	0
February 2022	830	0
March 2022	987	0

G. <u>Number of Accounts Recording Payments After the 48-Hour Communication Attempt and Before the 24-Hour Communication Attempt and Method of Payment (By Month):</u>

Payment Method	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
ACH						
Bank Draft		3	4	4	12	37
Energy Assistance				1	1	
Payment Kiosk		2				2
Lockbox					1	

Credit/Debit Card	23	25	37	34	51	73
Online Bank/Bill	1				1	
Pay						
Pay Location			1		1	3

H. Number of Phone Call Attempts at the 1-Day Mark Prior to Disconnection (By Month):

Month	Phone Call	Text Message
October 2021	235	0
November 2021	186	0
December 2021	186	0
January 2022	285	0
February 2022	479	0
March 2022	590	0

I. Number of Door Tags Provided (By Month) During the Cold Weather Rule:

Month	Meter Total
October 2021	0
November 2021	0
December 2021	0
January 2022	0
February 2022	1
March 2022	40

J. <u>Number of Accounts Making Payments After the 24-Hour Communication Attempt and Before Disconnection and Method of Payment:</u>

Payment Method	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
ACH						
Bank Draft						
Energy Assistance						
Payment Kiosk						
Lockbox						
Credit/Debit Card	2	1	4	1	1	
Online Bank/Bill						
Pay						
Pay Location						

K. Number of knock and collects on day of disconnection:

This item is not applicable.

L. Number of Disconnections (By Month):

Month	Residential Disconnections	Non-Residential Disconnections		
October 2021	127	11		
	127	11		
November 2021	1	6		
December 2021	23	1		
January 2022	0	6		
February 2022	0	2		
March 2022	4	15		

M. <u>Number of Customer Accounts Requesting Reconnection (and Method of Payment -By Month)</u>:

Payment Method	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22
ACH				1		
Bank Draft	17	7	1	3	1	4
Energy Assistance	1					
Payment Kiosk	1	1				
Lockbox	3					
Credit/Debit Card	59	15				1
Online Bank/Bill	1					
Pay						
Pay Location	2	1	1			

N. <u>Distribution of the Time Between Disconnection</u>, Payment and Reconnection:

Month	Days Between Disconnection & Payment	Days Between Payment & Reconnection
October 2021	6	1
November 2021	9	2
December 2021	1	3
January 2022	7	3
February 2022	3	0
March 2022	4	1

O. <u>The Manner in which Atmos Energy Informed Customers of Any Available Bill Assistance</u> Programs During the Reporting Period:

Bill Assistance Program

Atmos Energy informs its customers about financial assistance programs assistance (energy assistance, payment options, alternate payment plans) and ways to save energy in a variety of ways. Our customer service representatives continually offer bill payment assistance resources to customers in need. Atmos Energy also includes extensive information on available assistance through multiple online platforms open to both customers and company personnel. This information is kept current and available to customers on the Company's website at https://www.atmosenergy.com/customer-service/bill-payment-assistance

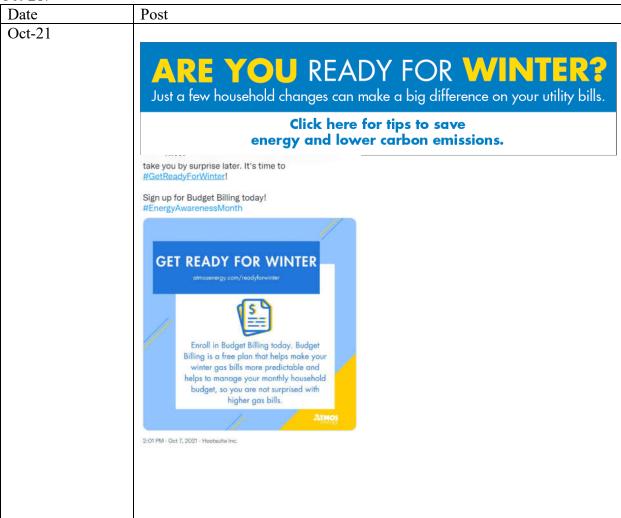
Customer Bills

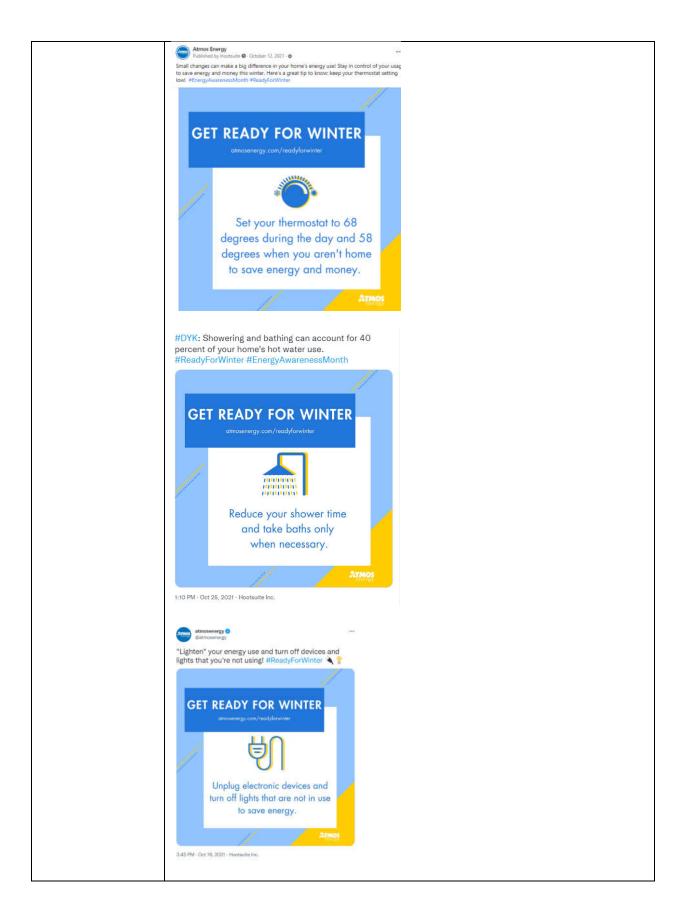
Atmos Energy customers in Kansas received information on their monthly statements and email (for customers enrolled in electronic billing) informing them that financial assistance and bill payment options are available, in addition to tips on how to save energy and money.

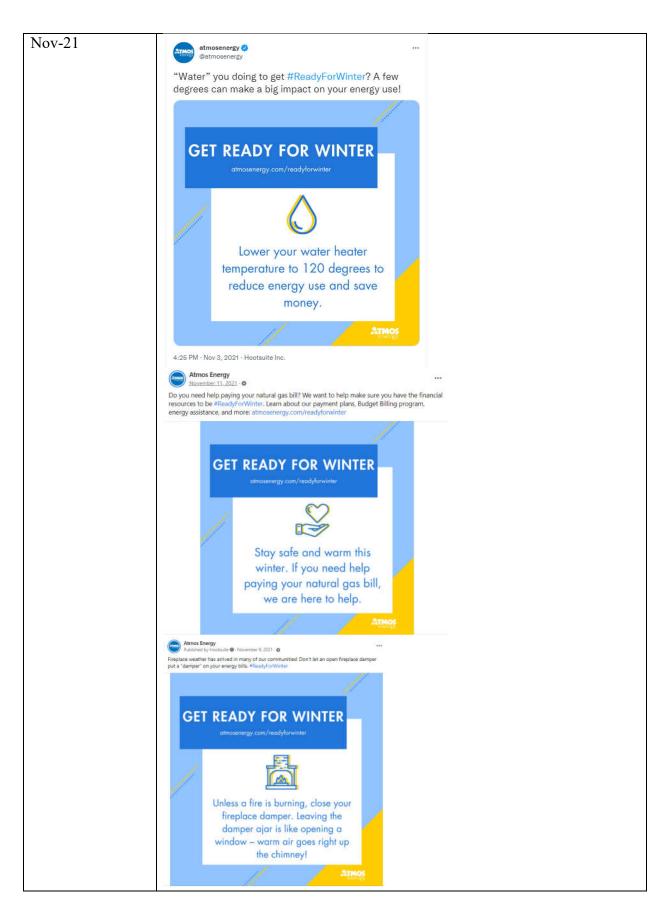
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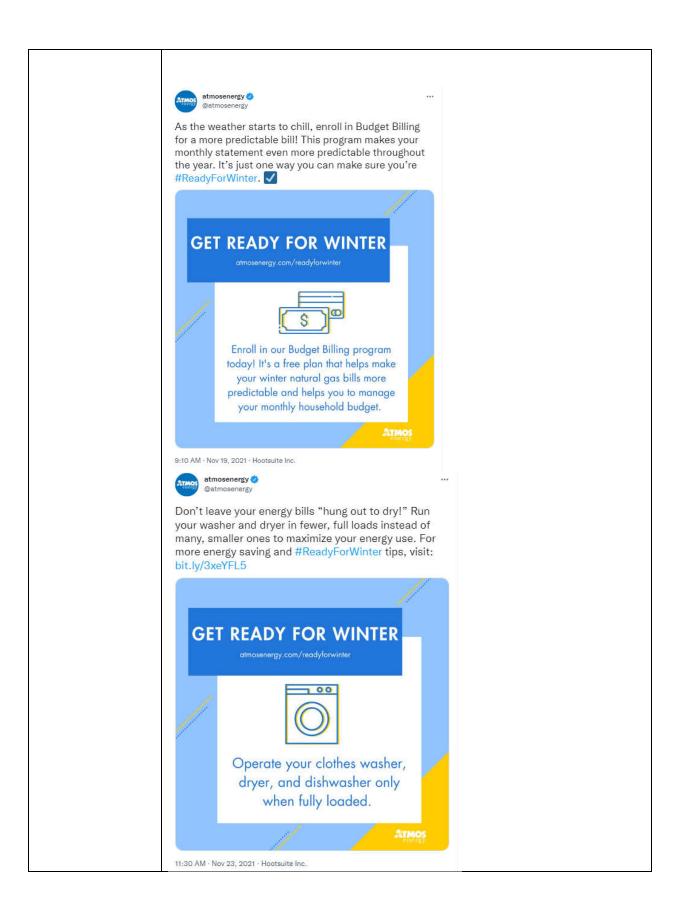
Atmos Energy's social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn) featured information on financial assistance and bill payment options, in addition to tips on how to save energy and money. See the enclosed document for social media posts during this time. The table below highlights the social media posts during this time.

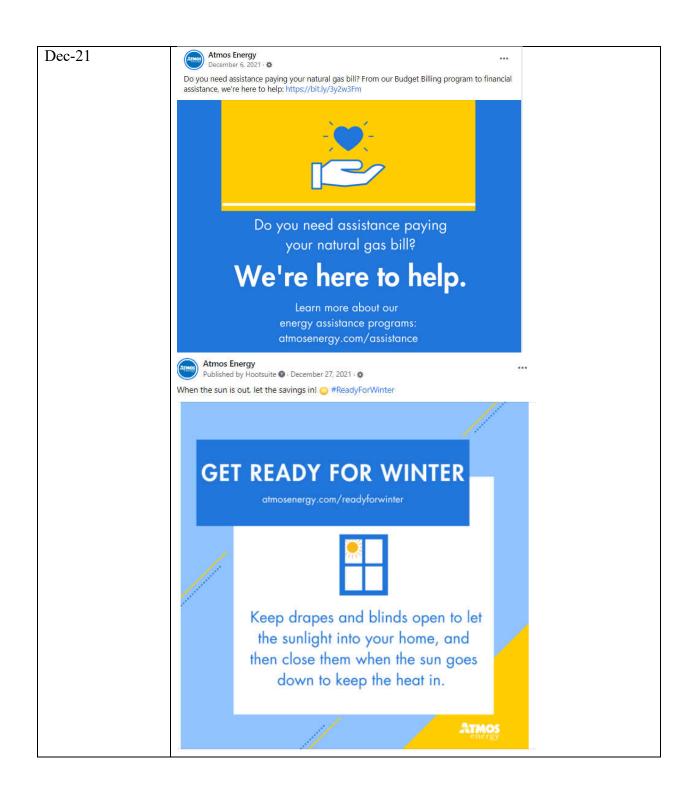
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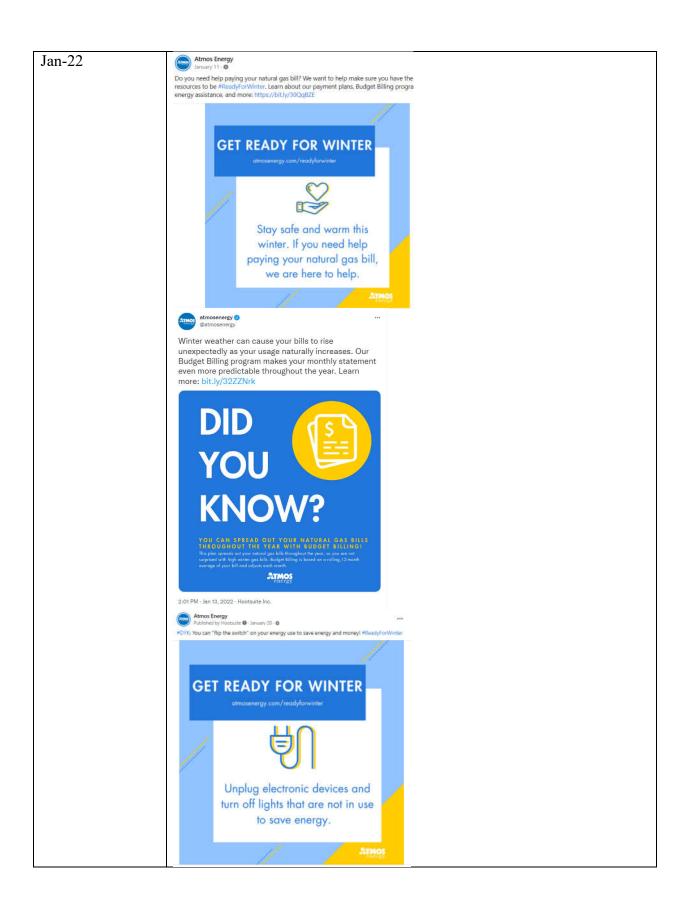


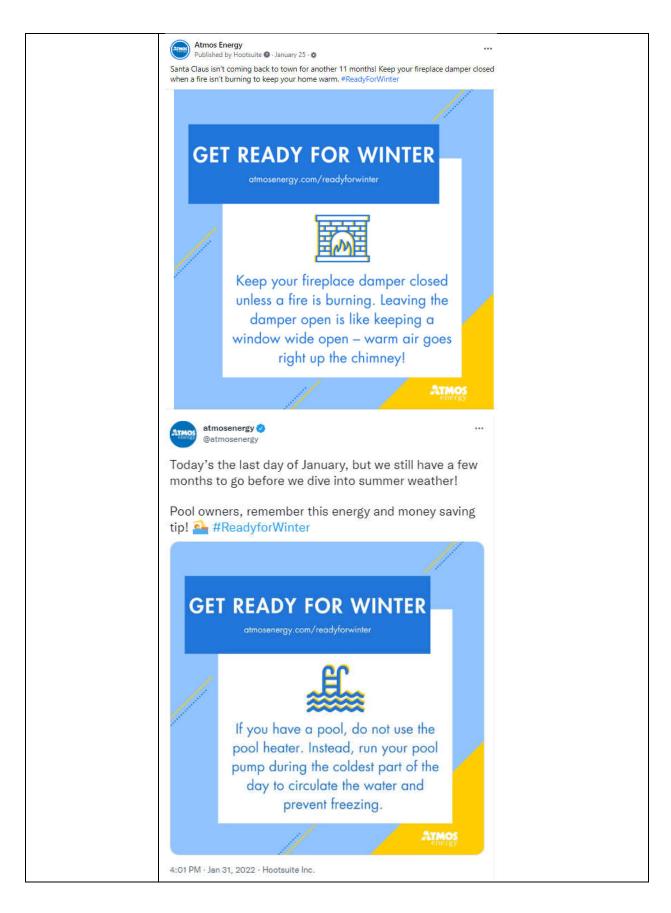


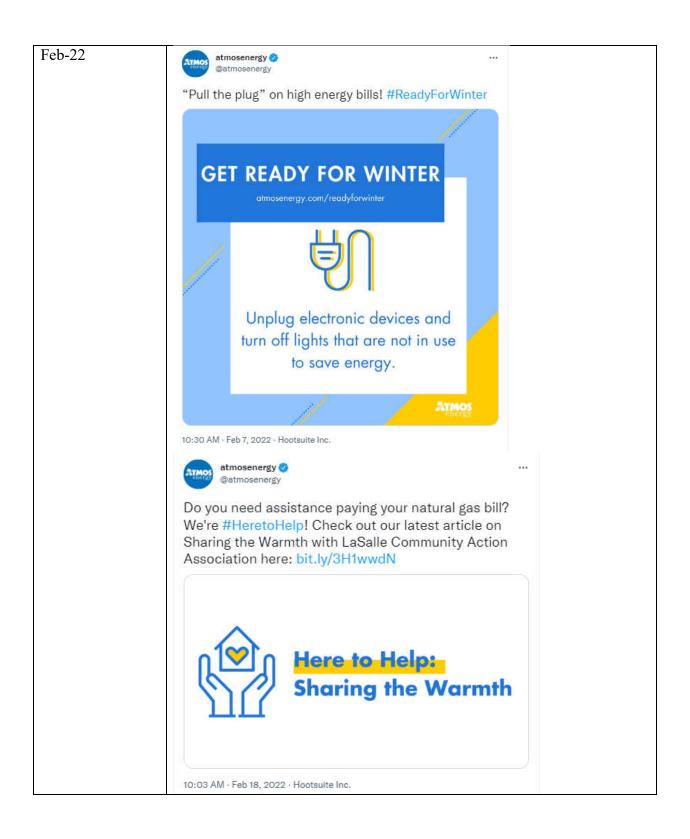


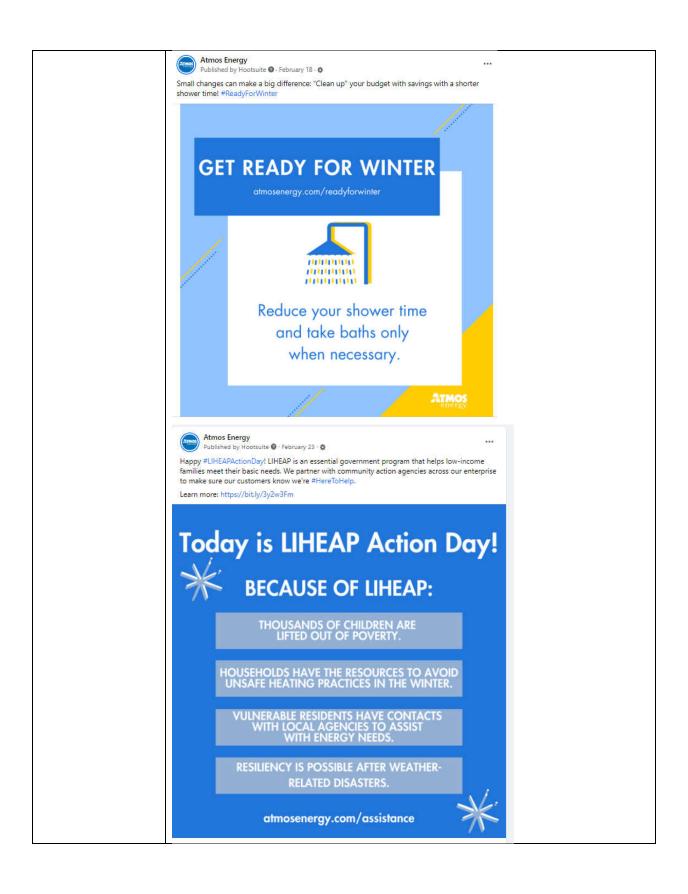












Website

The Atmos Energy website continually features information on financial assistance and bill payment options, in addition to tips on how to save energy and money.

https://www.atmosenergy.com/

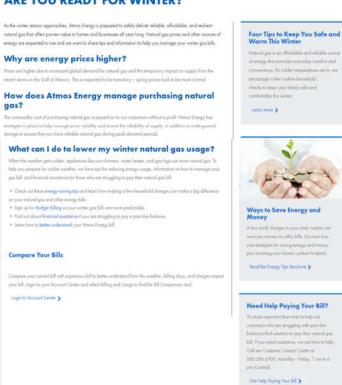
https://www.atmosenergy.com/customer-service/bill-payment-assistance

https://www.atmosenergy.com/ways-to-save/manage-energy-home

From October through February, we featured a "Get Ready for Winter" campaign that was highlighted on our social media platforms, bill communications, and website. This campaign provided tips on how to save energy and money, financial and payment assistant resources for customers who were struggling to pay their bill.



ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER?



Bill Messaging

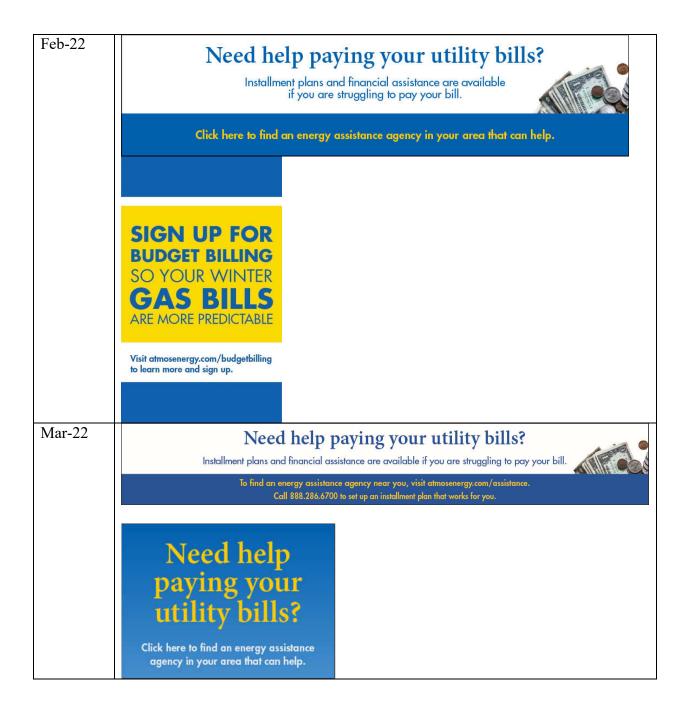
Atmos Energy included messaging in our bills that informed customers how to find bill payment assistance options, financial assistance, and energy-saving tips. The table below highlights the messaging included in customer bills during this time.



Dec-21 **GET READY** Just a few household changes can make a big difference on your utility bills. Click here to find ways to save energy and information about gas costs. Jan-22 Need a HAND with your heating bill? We can HELP if: You or a member of your household are a U.S. citizen or a legal alien and a resident of Kansas of An adult household member is responsible for the payment of your heating bills or your heat is included in your rent ✓ Your income is within the following guidelines: For the 2021-22 Heating Season Maximum Gross Monthly Income 130% of Federal Poverty Level Household Size \$ 1,610 \$ 2,178 \$ 2,745 Need help \$ 3,313 \$3,880 \$ 4,448 \$ 5,015 Each Add'l Person \$ 568 utility bills? *Apply beginning January 3, 2022 For additional information, call toll-free 800.432.0043, visit your nearest Kansas Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS) Service Center OR visit benefitsapplication.com. Click here to find an energy assistance agency in your area that can help.

Just a few household changes can make a big difference on your utility bills.

Click here for tips to save energy and lower carbon emissions.



Press Releases

In October, Atmos Energy issued a press release in partnership with the Kansas Housing Corporation that encourages residents to weatherize their home and provided a \$20,000 donation for the KHC weatherization program. https://www.atmosenergy.com/newsroom/atmos-energy-and-kansas-housing-resources-corporation-partner-encourage-weatherization

In November, Atmos Energy posted an article on winter safety tips, in addition to financial assistance and bill payment options to help customers who are struggling to pay their bill.

https://www.atmosenergy.com/newsroom/daylight-saving-time-ends-remember-these-home-safety-tips-prepare-winter

In December, Atmos Energy posted an article on how to keep a home safe and comfortable, in addition to financial assistance and bill payment options to help customers who are struggling to pay their bill. https://www.atmosenergy.com/newsroom/four-tips-keep-your-home-safe-and-comfortable-winter

In January, Atmos Energy posted an article on how to maintain a healthy home that included energy and safety tips. https://www.atmosenergy.com/corporate-communications/maintaining-healthy-home-2022

In February, Atmos Energy issued a press release to prepare customers for bitterly cold temperatures and provided energy and safety tips. https://www.atmosenergy.com/newsroom/preparing-bitterly-cold-temperatures-atmos-energy-offers-safety-tips

P. Knock and Collect Waiver of On-Premise Collection Customer Survey:

Atmos Energy is in the process of implementing its first customer survey required in the Knock and Collect & Waiver docket. The Company will provide the survey results as soon as they are available.

Q. Customer Complaints Regarding the Knock and Collect Waiver Pilot Program:

Atmos Energy has not received any customer complaints regarding its participation in the Pilot Program between the months of October 2021 and March 2022.

R. Cost Savings Attributable to the Knock and Collect Waiver Pilot Program

Because Atmos Energy is unable to disconnect remotely, it is still required to make physical trips to disconnect, reconnect and to perform requisite safety checks. Therefore, any potential cost savings experienced during this time period is de minimis.